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In re Patent No. 6,939,319 :
Issued: September 6, 2005 :
Application No. 10/603,496 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: June 25, 2003 :
Title: Process And Device For Single Use, :
Needle-Free Intradermal, Subcutaneous, Or :
Intramuscular Injections :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed May 2, 2011, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on September 7, 2009 for failure to pay the three and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is noted that petitioner's request for Change of Correspondence Address submitted May 9, 2011 was not accepted since only one of the three inventors submitted the request. While, a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary. Further, petitioner should note that a change of correspondence address would not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence, which **may** be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, the "fee address" and/or "customer number" forms should be submitted.

Further, with respect to petitioner's questions (1) and (4) the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) administers the patent and trademark laws as they relate to the granting of patents for utility inventions, designs and plants and the issuing of trademark registrations. The USPTO examines applications for patents to determine if the applicants

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With respect to petitioner's question (2), a provisional application provides a mechanism to enable domestic applicants to claim the benefit of priority in a given application in the United States, thus placing domestic applicants on equal footing with foreign applicants with respect to patent term. Provisional applications are not examined for patentability. Accordingly, there are no "provisional patents". See MPEP 201.04(b).

With respect to petitioner's question (3), see above explanation of improper Change of Correspondence submission filed May 9, 2011.

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